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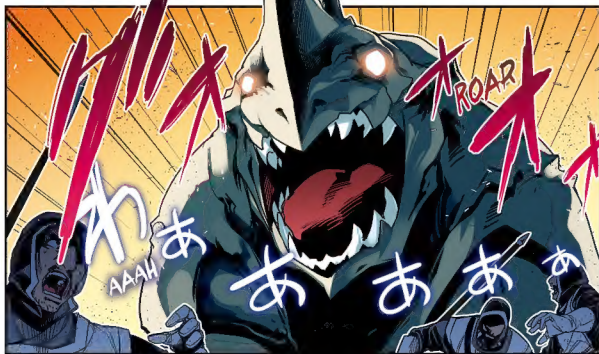
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SUMMARY OF MAOYU VOLUME 13

Lectures on Archenemy and Hero
Outline of volume.13

It has been three years since the dramatic meeting of the Demon Queen and Hero. Through their efforts that began in the Human World's Overwinter Village, the world is changing little by little. In the Southern Kingdoms of the Winter, Iron, and Ice Kingdoms, the lives of the people are improving considerably. The three kingdoms form the Three Kingdom Trade Alliance, establishing



their independence from the Holy Kingdom and Central Church of Holy Light dominating the continent. Additionally, five nations on the continent's eastern end and seven sovereign cities join them to form the Southern Confederation.

Meanwhile in the Spirit World, the Blue Demon prince known as the Seal King attempts to assassinate the Demon Queen to take possession of her throne. The incident brings the other demon clans closer together, and they launch a punitive force to stop the Blue Demon forces invading the surface. Maintaining newly opened roads further erodes the existing enmity between the clans. Additionally, as the Blue Demons begin their invasion of the surface, the Southern Confederation enters negotiations with the Fairy Queen, the Spirit World's envoy, mediated by the Hero. They take their first step toward a ceasefire and eventual peace treaty.



Despite this progress, the greatest problem remains: the Third Holy Key Expeditionary Force led by the Holy Kingdom's Royal Prince Marshal and the Archbishop, leader of the Church of Holy Light. Formed to acquire the Holy Relic, the Expeditionary Force is stationed in the former Midnight Sun Kingdom. Soon they will begin their invasion of the Spirit World. Their target is Gateway City, a settlement located at the entrance to the Spirit World. It is the only place in the world where humans and demons coexist.

As the Demon Queen and Female Knight work on countermeasures, the Older Maid Sister and Noble's Son begin working on their own to stop the war. Upon hearing from the Female Magician about the



Demon Queen and Hero's true purpose, the Hero infiltrates the Holy Key Expeditionary Force to protect his newly discovered world from danger. With a range of purposes and ideals in their hearts, they all head for Gateway City, which will soon become a battlefield...

THE HERO

A young man working with the Demon Queen. After learning the true nature of the Demon Queen and Hero from the Female Magician, he joins the Holy Key Expeditionary Force to avoid a future of destruction.



THE ROYAL PRINCE MARSHAL

Younger brother of the Holy Kingdom's king. This hero of the Human World leads the Third Holy Key Expeditionary Force.

THE LILY KNIGHT CAPTAIN

Captain of the Lily Knights who serve the Archbishop. She pledges her loyalty to the teachings of the Church of Holy Light and the Archbishop.



THE BLUE ASH KING

Young hero of the Central Continent and king of the Mist Kingdom. He commands the front lines of the Holy Key Expeditionary Force.

THE ARCHBISHOP

Leader of the Church of Holy Light that worships the spirit of light. He accompanies the Third Holy Key Expeditionary Force in search of the Holy Relic.



THE FAIRY QUEEN

Chief of the Fairy Clan.

THE STEEL GENERAL

Chief of the Mechanical Clan.



THE GIANT COUNT

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THE YOUNG MUSICIAN

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THE SEAL KING OF THE BLUE DEMONS

Chief of the Blue Demon Clan.

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THE PATTERNED CHIEF

Chief of the Humored Demon Clan.

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THE DEMON QUEEN

Using the knowledge she gained from the Outer Library, the queen of demons seeks to reform the world. Currently she is searching for countermeasures against the Holy Key Expeditionary Force's muskets.



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Has been caring for the Demon Queen since she was a child. She desires happiness for the Demon Queen and works to make the Demon Queen's dream come true.

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A girl who previously worked in the Demon Queen's mansion. She has entered the subterranean world to stop the war.



THE FEMALE MAGICIAN

One of the Hero's former traveling companions. Acting independently, she uses her knowledge to assist the Hero.

THE LONELY WINTER KING

King of the Winter Kingdom. Along with the Iron and Ice Kingdoms, he establishes his independence from the Central Continent. He also establishes the Southern Confederation.



THE BUTLER

One of the Hero's former traveling companions. He serves the Lonely Winter King as his butler and gathers information.

THE COMMANDER OF THE EASTERN FORTRESS

Former captain of the Holy Key Expeditionary Force. He joins the conference of clans as a member of the Gateway Clan composed of the residents of Gateway City.



THE YOUNGER MAID SISTER

A maid working in the Demon Queen's mansion. Her gluttony opens her eyes to the world of cooking. She is currently training in the Iron Kingdom.

THE YOUNG MERCHANT

Leader of the Merchant's Alliance, the Human World's largest economic organization. He takes advantage of the changing situation to enact economic reform.



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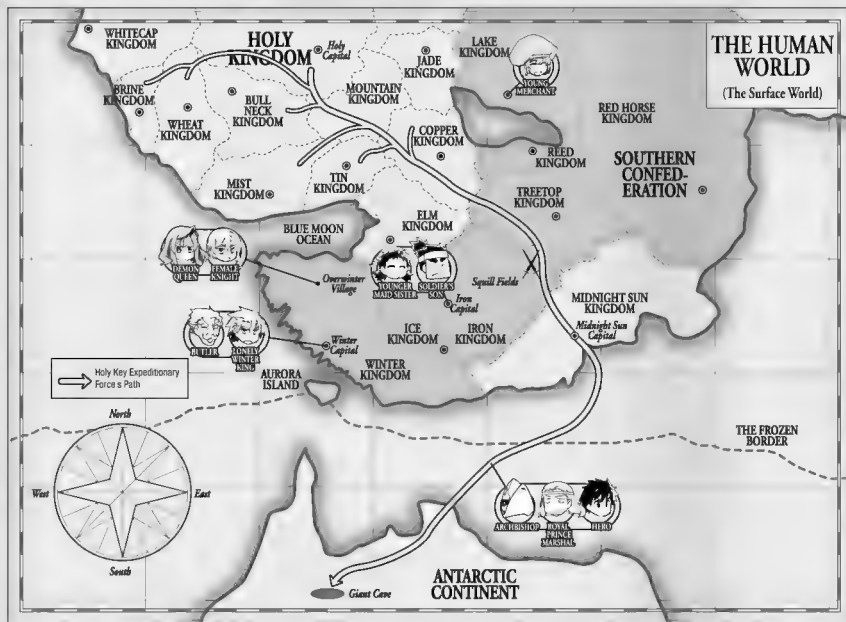
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Lectures on Alchemy and Hero
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FEMALE
KNIGHT



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LOVELY
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MAID
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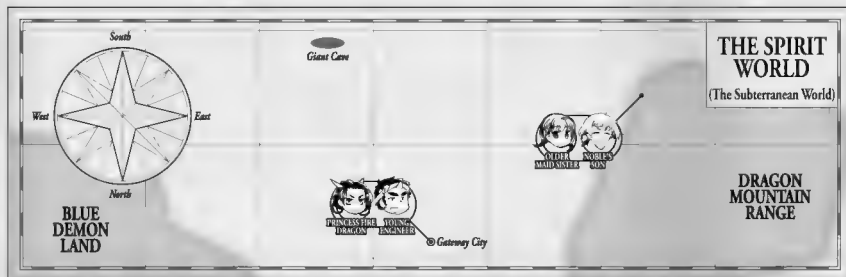


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DRAGON



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(The Subterranean World)

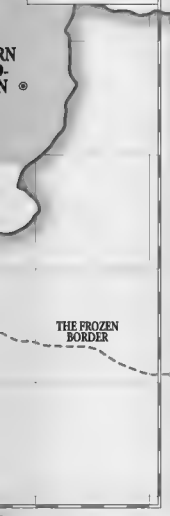
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MOUNTAIN
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REGARDING GATEWAY CITY

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THE HUMAN WORLD

(The Surface World)



THE SPIRIT WORLD

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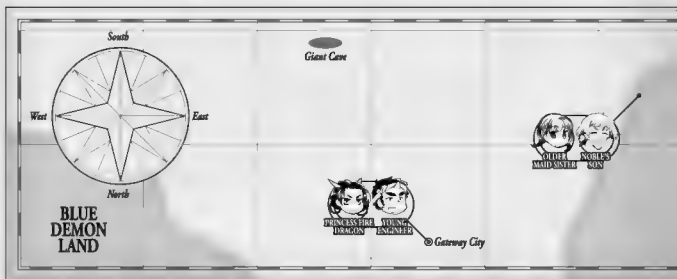
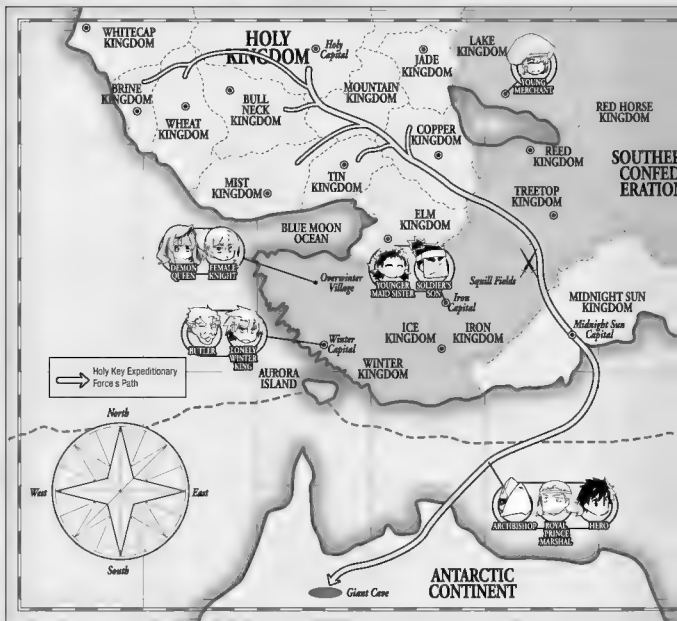


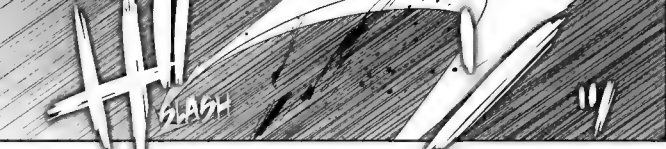
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THE
DEMONS
WILL
AVOID
YOUR
PATH

YOU
SHOULD
SING
WHILE
YOU
WALK.

REALLY?

HUH...



NO
PROB-
LEM.

THANK
YOU!

YOU
KNOCKED
OUT THE
RHINO
DEMON WITH
THE IRON
HIDE WITH
A SINGLE
BLOW!

おお
おお
おお

IN-
CRED-
IBLE!

OOOH



YES,
SIR.

HE'S
FITTING
RIGHT IN.



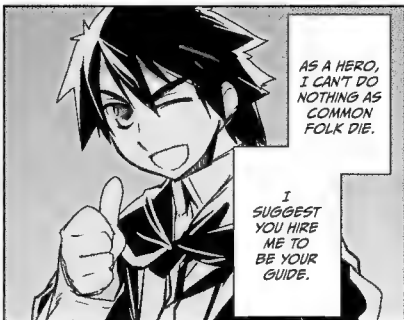
YOU'LL
LOSE A LOT
OF MEN
CROSSING
THE SPIRIT
WORLD
WITH SUCH
A MASSIVE
FORCE.

THE
DEMONS
OF THE
SPIRIT
WORLD
ARE
STRONG.

MANY HAVE
UNIQUE
CHARACTER-
ISTICS OR
POISONS.



THAT'S
WHAT HE
TOLD US...



AS A HERO,
I CAN'T DO
NOTHING AS
COMMON
FOLK DIE.

I
SUGGEST
YOU HIRE
ME TO
BE YOUR
GUIDE.



INDEED
...
WHO
KNOWS
?

...BUT I
WONDER
WHAT THE
HERO
ACTUALLY
WANTS.



HE'S AN
ADVENTUR-
ER WITH A
SOMEWHAT
CHILDISH
SENSE OF
JUSTICE.

HE ACTS
ACCORD-
ING TO
HIS GREAT
STRENGTH.



A LONG
TIME AGO,
I HEARD
STORIES
OF THE
HERO.



BUT...

...HE
SEEMS
RATHER
DIFFERENT
NOW.



I'VE
HEARD
THE
SAME.

OR
SO I'VE
HEARD.



BUT
MORE
THAN
THAT...

...I SENSED HE
UNDERSTOOD
THE WORLD
ITSELF HAS
ITS OWN
INTERESTS.

HE CERTAINLY
SEEMED
PASSIONATE
ENOUGH TO
ACT WITHOUT
REGARD
FOR HIS OWN
INTERESTS.



HE DIDN'T
COME HERE
FOR NO
REASON.



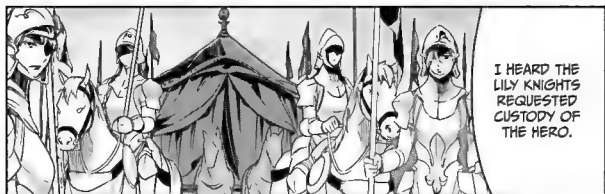
FOR THAT
REASON AS
WELL, WE
SHOULD
KEEP HIM
CLOSE.

...TO
HANDLE
A THREAT
WHEN YOU
KNOW
WHERE
IT IS.

IT'S
EASIER...

BUT...

...YOU
SAW HOW
STRONG HE
IS. HE'S A
THREAT.



I HEARD THE
LILY KNIGHTS
REQUESTED
CUSTODY OF
THE HERO.



WHAT
DO YOU
SUPPOSE
SHE'S UP
TO?



THE CHURCH
SHOULD BE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR TAKING
CARE OF HIM.

THERE-
FORE, HIS
PRESENCE
IS A
BLESSING
FROM THE
SPIRIT.

THE
HERO IS A
DISCIPLE
OF THE
SPIRIT OF
LIGHT.



THE ARCH-
BISHOP
PROBABLY
WANTS TO
SEE THE
HERO...

...FOR
HIM-
SELF.



THANKS
FOR
COMING!

THIS
WAY,
PLEASE.



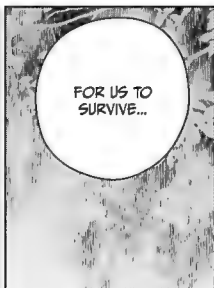
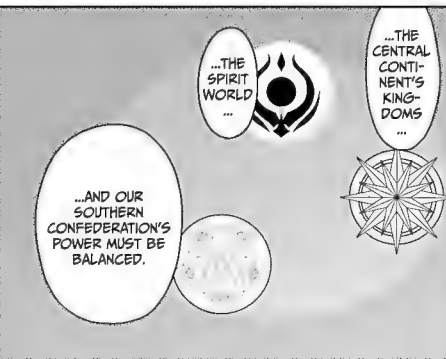
EXCUSE
THE INTRU-
SION.

HEY.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE!









WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



BUT...

...NATURALLY,
THE CONDI-
TIONS WILL
BE FAIRLY
HARSH.

TH
A
CLATTER

SO I'M
ALL FOR
STOPPING THE
EXPEDITION-
ARY FORCE.



BURDENING
OUR PEOPLE
UNDER SUCH
CIRCUM-
STANCES...

...COULD
RESULT IN AN
OUTBURST OF
OPPOSING
OPINIONS.

WE'RE NOT
PROTECTING
OURSELVES
FROM THE
EXPEDITION-
ARY FORCE.

IT WILL BE
DIFFICULT TO
CONVINCE THE
PEOPLE THIS
WAR WOULD
BE JUST.



WE'RE
FORCED TO
RESOLVE
THE SITU-
ATION WITH
OUR MEAGER
FORCES.

...OUR
MILITARY
FORCE IS
MINUSCULE
COMPARED
TO THE
CENTRAL
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ADDI-
TIONALLY,
THOUGH
WE'VE
UNITED
AS THE
SOUTHERN
CONFED-
ERATION
...



TO PREVENT
THAT, WE'LL
NEED TO
JUSTIFY THIS
WAR.





CLATTER
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I CAN'T
COMMAND
SOLDIERS...

...AND
I DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
STOP THE
WAR.

BUT...

...UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
THAT'S ALL
I CAN DO.



I FEEL
AS THOUGH
THERE IS
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT I
MUST DO.

HOW-
EVER...

...MY
MIND IS
IMPA-
TIENT.



I AM A
SOLDIER.

I WILL
NOT GO TO
THE SPIRIT
WORLD
UNLESS I AM
COMMANDED
TO.

1 STEP

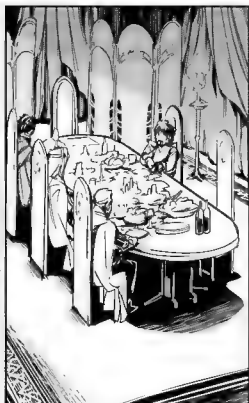


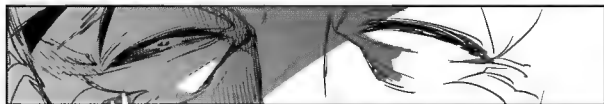
HURRY!

BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!

MY
HEART
CAN'T
WAIT.

I HEAR
THAT VOICE
SOMEWHERE
INSIDE ME.







OUR PURE
MAIDENS WILL
WASH AWAY THE
SINS OF YOUR
WORLDLY
EXISTENCE.



WELL,
HERO?

WILL YOU
JOIN THE
HOLY LILY
KNIGHTS
IN OUR
CAMP?



I'LL
CARRY MY
SINS WITH
ME.



ACTU-
ALLY...

UM...



AS FAR
AS THAT
GOES...

...YOU
SHOULD
TALK TO
THE ROYAL
PRINCE
MARSHAL.



THEN AT
LEAST LET
THE CHURCH
LOOK AFTER
YOU...



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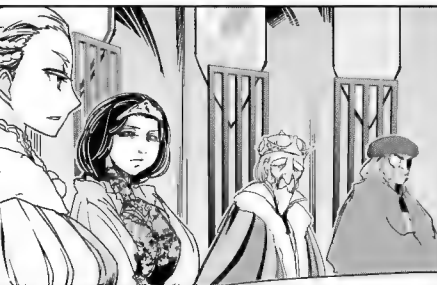
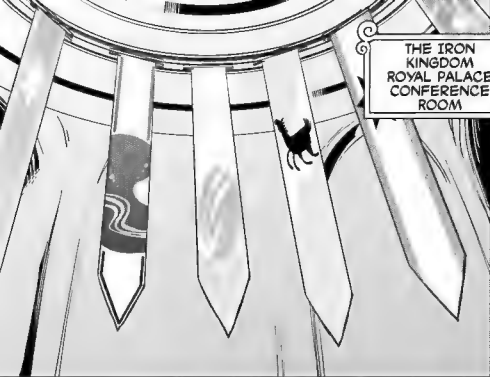


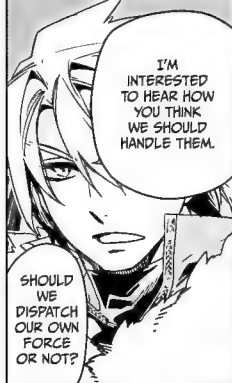
KNIGHT
CAPTAIN.

HE
REJECTED
YOU.



THE IRON
KINGDOM
ROYAL PALACE
CONFERENCE
ROOM





I'M
INTERESTED
TO HEAR HOW
YOU THINK
WE SHOULD
HANDLE THEM.

SHOULD
WE
DISPATCH
OUR OWN
FORCE
OR NOT?



THEIR
STRENGTH
IS UNPAR-
ALLELED.

THE SPIRIT
WORLD
MUST FEEL
THREATENED
BY THEM.

THE EXPE-
DITIONARY
FORCE
HEADING FOR
THE SPIRIT
WORLD HAS
300,000
MEN.



HE'S
RIGHT.

WE MAY
HAVE A PEACE
TREATY WITH
THE DEMONS,
BUT WE DON'T
HAVE TO FIGHT
ALONGSIDE
THEM.

BUT...

...SUPPOSING
WE DO GO,
WHAT CAN
WE ACCOM-
PLISH?



MURMUR

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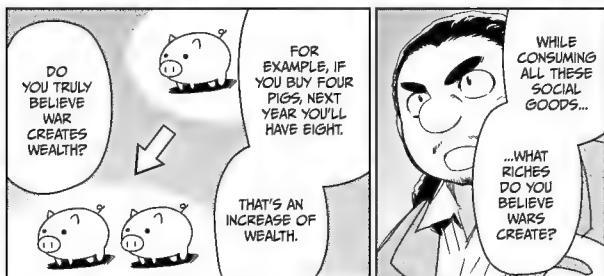


WE SHOULD
BUILD OUR
STRENGTH
WHILE THEY
FIGHT.

ISN'T THIS A
FORTUITOUS
OPPOR-
TUNITY?

THE
SOUTHERN
CONFED-
ERATION'S
ECONOMY IS
THRIVING.











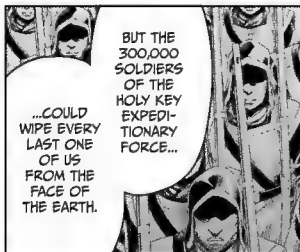
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THE
REASON
THE IRON
KINGDOM'S
ARMY BARELY
SURVIVED THE
BATTLE OF
THE SQUILL
FIELDS IS...

THERE'S NO
REASON THEY
COULDN'T
HAVE TURNED
THEIR MUSKETS
AGAINST US.



...COULD
WIPE EVERY
LAST ONE
OF US
FROM THE
FACE OF
THE EARTH.

BUT THE
300,000
SOLDIERS
OF THE
HOLY KEY
EXPEDI-
TIONARY
FORCE...



...COULD
HAVE
ANNIHILATED
OUR ARMY.

THE
25,000
BLUE
DEMONS
...



IT'S
WAR ON A
MASSIVE
SCALE.

...IS
ENGAGED IN
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EXPEDITION
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EXPERIENCED.

THE
CURRENT
HOLY KEY
EXPEDI-
TIONARY
FORCE...



I HAVE
SOMETHING
ELSE TO
ADD.

THREE MILLION A MONTH...?

ハハ
MURMUR

ハハ...
MURMUR

IN ALL THE WARS WE'VE EXPERIENCED, WE'VE NEVER SEEN...

...NUMBERS THIS LARGE.

THIS IS THE PROJECTED UPKEEP OF THE HOLY KEY EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

MONTHLY UPKEEP	
Food	one million coins
+	
Ship Maintenance and Construction	500,000 coins
+	
Weapons	500,000 coins
+	
Musket Bullets	one million coins
Total three million coins	

...YOU CAN SEE THE REALITY WE'RE FACING IS FAR FROM SECURE.

IN THIS WAY...

ARMIES EXIST TO FIGHT WARS.

WHICH MEANS TO SUSTAIN THIS ARMY...

AN ARMY THAT DOESN'T FIGHT IS A WASTE OF FOOD.

...IT NEEDS WAR AND VICTORY TO KEEP IT GOING.

...

YOU MUST REMEMBER.

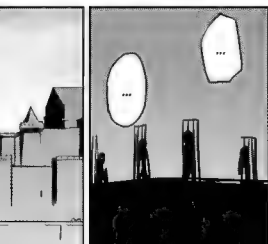
WE'VE BEEN DECLARED HERETICS.

ZERO.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

IN THE LONG TERM, WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES OF REMAINING...

...COMPLETELY UNINVOLVED IN THE WAR?





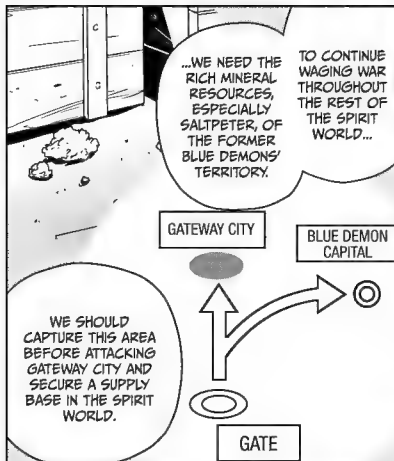




IT IS HIS
GRACE'S
WILL.

THERE IS
NO CHANGE
IN PLANS.

WE'LL USE
OUR ENTIRE
ARMY TO
CAPTURE
GATEWAY
CITY.



GATEWAY CITY

BLUE DEMON
CAPITAL

GATE

WE SHOULD
CAPTURE THIS AREA
BEFORE ATTACKING
GATEWAY CITY AND
SECURE A SUPPLY
BASE IN THE SPIRIT
WORLD.

...WE NEED THE
RICH MINERAL
RESOURCES,
ESPECIALLY
SALTPETER, OF
THE FORMER
BLUE DEMONS'
TERRITORY.

TO CONTINUE
WAGING WAR
THROUGHOUT
THE REST OF
THE SPIRIT
WORLD...



THE WAR
WON'T
END WITH
GATEWAY
CITY.

WE'RE
MERELY
STANDING
ON THE
DOOR-
STEP OF
THE SPIRIT
WORLD.



RIGHT...

...BLUE
ASH
KING?

FATIGUE?
GUNPOWDER
AND FOOD?

SUCH THINGS
ARE NOTHING
IN THE FACE OF
OUR ABSOLUTE
FAITH AND THE
BLESSINGS OF
THE SPIRIT.

YOU
WORRY
TOO MUCH,
ROYAL
PRINCE
MARSHAL.

WE ARE
WARRIORS
OF THE
LIGHT IN
SERVICE OF
HIS GRACE.

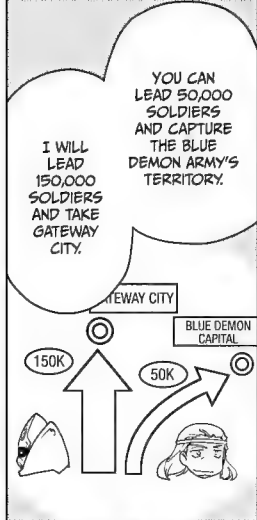


SHE
WON
HIM
OVER...

ARE YOU
CAPABLE OF
COMMAND-
ING OUR
FORCES?

YOU
CAN
COUNT
ON ME.

THAT'S
WHY I
COMMAND
THE FRONT
LINES.





AND...

...WE HAVE
ACQUIRED
THE HERO,
OUR "KEY."

GATEWAY
CITY IS
BEFORE
US.

OUR
"GATE"
AND
ALTAR.



ROYAL
PRINCE
MARSHAL.

IT IS
YOU WHO
DOESN'T
UNDER-
STAND.



WHAT NEED
DO WE HAVE
TO GO OUT OF
OUR WAY...?

HEH HEH HEH

HEH HEH HEH



THE HOLY
KEY EXPE-
DITIONARY
FORCE IS
ROUGHLY 72
KILOMETERS
AWAY!

THEY
COULD
ATTACK AS
SOON AS
THE DAY
AFTER
TOMOR-
ROW!

FLAP



THEIR FORCES
ARE TOO
NUMEROUS FOR
AN ACCURATE
ASSESSMENT...

...BUT
THEIR ARMY
NUMBERS
CLOSE TO
200,000.



ALL
TOGETHER
WE HAVE
LESS THAN
60,000.

TWO
HUNDRED
THOU-
SAND...

HEARING
THE
NUMBER
MAKES ME
FEEL FAINT.



AT THE
VERY LEAST,
WE HAVE AMPLE
PROVISIONS AND
A GEOGRAPHICAL
ADVANTAGE.

WE
SHOULD
ATTACK
THEM.

ACCORD-
ING TO
OUR
SCOUTS'
REPORTS...

...THEY MAY
DIVIDE THEIR
FORCES IN
TWO.



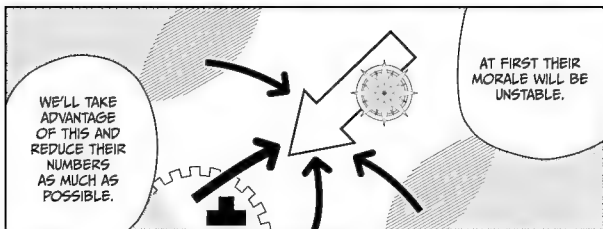
AND
ACCORDING
TO REPORTS,
THE MAJORITY
OF THE HUMAN
EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE'S
SOLDIERS ARE
NOT PROPER
SOLDIERS.



BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH FAITH
WE CAN PUT...

I'VE HEARD
THIS CITY
HAS NEARLY
COMPLETED
CONSTRUCTION
OF NEW WALLS.

...IN WALLS
UNTESTED
BY WAR.



WE'LL TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF THIS AND
REDUCE THEIR
NUMBERS
AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

AT FIRST THEIR
MORALE WILL BE
UNSTABLE.



THOUGH I
UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL...

BUT...

...AS
TERRIFYING
AS MUSKETS
ARE, THEY
ARE STILL
RELATIVELY
UNTRAINED
FRESH
SOLDIERS.

...THE
EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE HAS
MUSKETS EVEN
THE DEMON
QUEEN FEARS...



WE MUST
CONDUCT
SURPRISE
ATTACKS
TO REDUCE
THEIR
NUMBERS.

BUT OUR
NUMBERS
ARE STILL
FAR FEWER
THAN
THEIRS.



...BUT MANY
PEOPLE
STAYED TO
PROTECT
THIS CITY.

SOME
LEFT GATE-
WAY CITY
ONCE WE
MADE THE
SITUATION
PUBLIC...

WE HAVE
MORE
VOLUNTEER
SOLDIERS
THAN WE
EXPECTED.



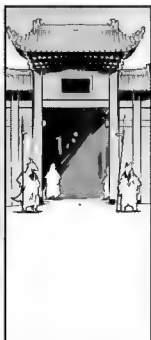
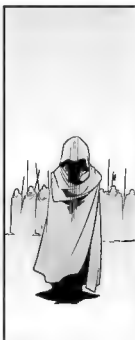
STEP
|||



THE
FLAMING
MOUNTAIN
RANGE IS
INDEED
AHEAD.

HOW'D
IT GO?

THE FIRE
DRAGONS'
CASTLE MUST
BE DOWN
THIS ROAD.





WHAT?!

DE...

DEMON QUEEN!



RUSTLE

IT'S ME.



AREM
回ホ



IS SHE A
MAGICIAN
...?

DON'T
SHE LOOK
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
?!?

CAN SHE
REALLY
TRANS-
FORM
INTO THE
DEMON
QUEEN?

THEY
SAY
SHE'S
THE
DEMON
QUEEN.

I SAW
HER AT
THE
KURULTAI!

I'M SURE
OF IT!
IT'S THE
DEMON
QUEEN!



BUT...

...WHO
ARE
THESE
HUMANS
...?

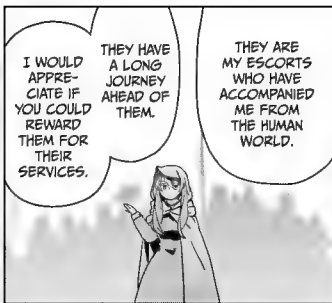
YES,
MA'AM!

YE...

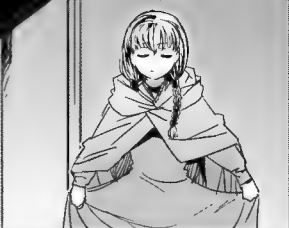


PLEASE TELL
ARCHDUKE FIRE
DRAGON...

...I HAVE
SOMETHING
SECRET AND
URGENT TO
DISCUSS
WITH HIM.







HMPH.

IN RECENT
YEARS I'VE
GROWN
ACCUSTOMED
TO SUCH
RUDE INTRU-
SIONS.

I APOLOGIZE
FOR VISITING
YOU IN THIS
WAY.



THE HERO,
THAT MAN
THEY'RE ALL
HUMAN...



I STUDIED
UNDER THE
CHIEF MAID
AND DEMON
QUEEN.



YES.

SHE
IS MY
TEACHER.

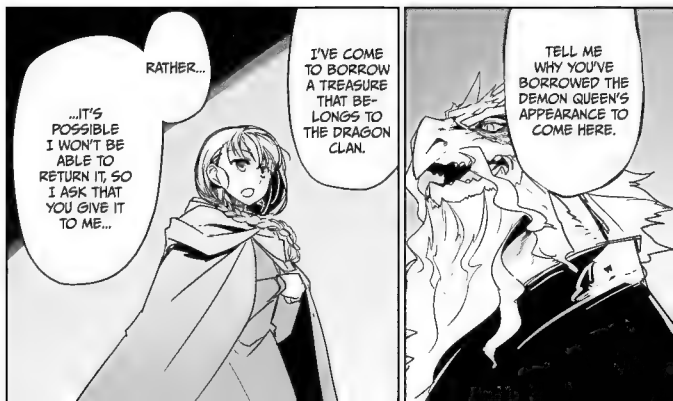
DID YOU
LEARN YOUR
MANNERS
FROM THE
CHIEF MAID?



I'VE LEFT THE
DEMON QUEEN
AND CURRENTLY
OPERATE
INDEPENDENTLY.

THAT
SAID...

...I HAVEN'T
COME WITH
ORDERS OR
A MESSAGE
FROM THE
DEMON
QUEEN.





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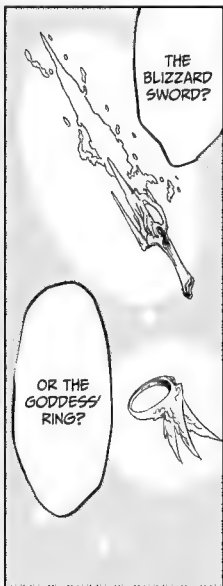
HOW
DO
YOU...



I
DESIRE
THE
"BALL OF
LIGHT."



WHAT
DO YOU
DESIRE?



THE
BLIZZARD
SWORD?

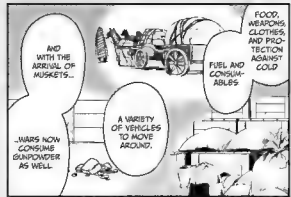
OR THE
GODDESS/
RING?





MILITARY SPENDING NECESSARY FOR SUSTAINING WARS AND ARMIES

Maintaining armies and wars require a massive amount of military spending. Statesmen are constantly tasked with securing the required resources.



Maintaining armies and wars require not only physical goods but also personnel costs for soldiers.

MILITARY SPENDING: THE STATESMAN'S HEADACHE SINCE ANCIENT TIMES

Regardless of morality, war is one of many diplomatic methods. Winners are allowed to have their way in the matter that started the conflict, and sometimes they are awarded indemnities. However, when speaking strictly of "production," wars create nothing. As the Merchant's Son points out in this work, wars are a massive expense and waste of resources.

In addition to being a massive resource sink, wars are also very costly. Procuring these funds known as military spending has long been the troublesome responsibility of statesmen.

The city-states of ancient Greece and knights of the Middle Ages' feudal society armed themselves. In exchange for the right to vote and ownership of property, they were required to fight, but even in these times some degree of military spending was required to construct siege weapons or pay mercenaries to expand one's forces.

Until about the 18th Century, in Western Europe mercenaries constituted the majority of an army, and every time a war broke out they had to be hired. However, mercenary captains on opposing sides would work together to fight token battles over and over to extort as much money as possible from their employers.

Since this time, the outcome of war was not only determined by the strength of one's army, but also by one's financial ability to continue paying the necessary costs of war.

As guns and cannons came to dominate the battlefield, it became necessary to invent and produce weapons as well as secure the massive amounts of gunpowder consumed by them. Additionally, with the need to repair defenses used against firearms and personnel costs for those providing increasing amounts of supplies and transportation, war expenditures continued to rise.

Military spending was paid for by granting special privileges for cities and merchant groups or by



collecting taxes. Some nations, like England, attacked ships coming from the New World and used the plunder to supplement their military spending.

Later, technological developments produced a variety of new weapons. As weapons become increasingly high-tech, the ballooning cost of military spending continues to give modern statesmen headaches.

At the beginning of the 19th Century, Napoleon's army sometimes waged war to acquire indemnities.

SAME BUT DIFFERENT





THERE
WERE
FIVE
SPIRIT
CLANS.



THEIR HATRED
POLLUTED THE
SPIRITS' WORLD
AND PUMMELED
THE EARTH.

IT FRAC-
TURED INTO
COUNTLESS
CRYSTAL
BALLS.

HE FOUGHT
FIERCELY
AGAINST THE
KALLYCHTHYS
HOUSE OF
FIRE.

A
CORRUPTED
ONE WAS
BORN FROM
THE HOUSE
OF EARTH.



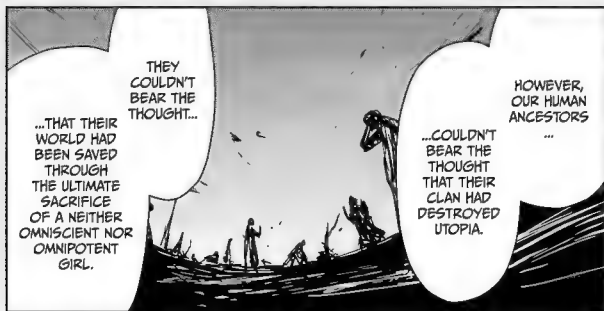
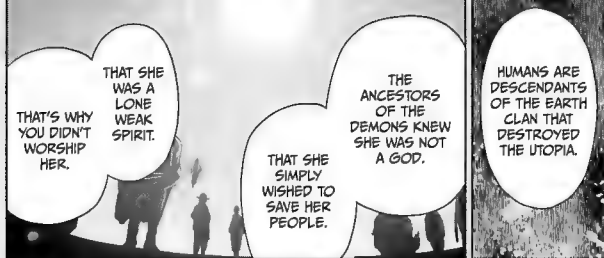
BY BECOMING
THE SPIRIT
OF LIGHT, SHE
RESCUED THE
SURVIVING
SPIRITS.

THE DAUGHTER
BORN TO THE
HEAD OF THE
HOUSE OF
FIRE...

...DEVOTED HER
LIFE TO SAVING
HER MISERABLE
PEOPLE AND WAS
SUMMONED TO
HEAVEN.

HUMANKIND
WAS BORN
INTO THE
WORLD.

MAOYU
Archenemy and Hero
CHAPTER 45





I'VE
NEVER
HEARD
THAT
STORY
BEFORE.



THE "BALL
OF LIGHT" IS
ONE OF HER
GIFTS.

CHAPTER 45 Archenemy and Hero

This is... a Saturation Attack



ASKING TO
BORROW IT
IN INSOLENT
ENOUGH...

...BUT YOU
ASK THAT
WE GIVE IT
TO YOU?!



THE DRAGON
CLAN IS THE
OLDEST...

...GREATEST,
MOST
RESPECTED,
AND IMPORTANT
OF ALL THE
CLANS...

...BECAUSE
WE POSSESS
THE "BALL OF
LIGHT."



IT WAS
GIVEN TO
YOU SO THE
GREAT SPIRIT
COULD TEST
WHAT...

...THE
HUMANS
WOULD DO
WITH IT.



...BUT IT IS
ONLY A PART
OF THIS
TRANSIENT
WORLD.

IT IS
NOT
ETERNAL.

THE
"BALL OF
LIGHT" WAS
ENTRUSTED
TO THE
DRAGON
CLAN...



SO WE
CAN ALL
SHED "OUR
SHARE" OF
BLOOD.

SO
PLEASE
GIVE IT
TO ME...

...SO
THAT
I MAY
USE IT.



HOW-
EVER...

...HOW
CAN I
KNOW YOU
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
TO...

...ACHIEVE
YOUR
GOALS?

...YOU
MAY BE
RIGHT.





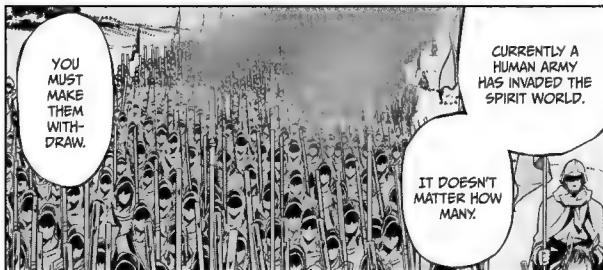
DEMONS
JUDGE A
PERSON'S
COURAGE
THROUGH THEIR
ACTIONS...

...TO DECIDE
IF THEY'RE
WORTHY OF
OUR FAITH.



PROVE
...?

YOU
MUST
PROVE IT
TO ME.



YOU
MUST
MAKE
THEM
WITH-
DRAW.

CURRENTLY A
HUMAN ARMY
HAS INVADDED THE
SPIRIT WORLD.

IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
MANY.



I
SHALL.



...CAN
YOU
DO
IT?

I WILL
GRANT
YOU NO
SOLDIERS.

YOU MUST MAKE
THEIR FORCES
WITHDRAW WITH
ONLY YOUR OWN
STRENGTH AND
YOUR ALLIES.





I MUST
KEEP
MOVING
FORWARD
...

...TO
KEEP THEM
SHINING
BRIGHT.



MY HEART
OVERFLOWS
WITH
TREASURES.



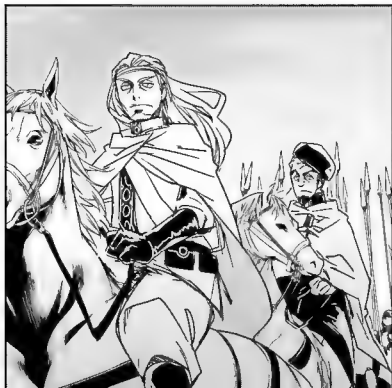
THE PEOPLE
I TRAVELED
HERE WITH
AND THE
PEOPLE OF
MY HOME...

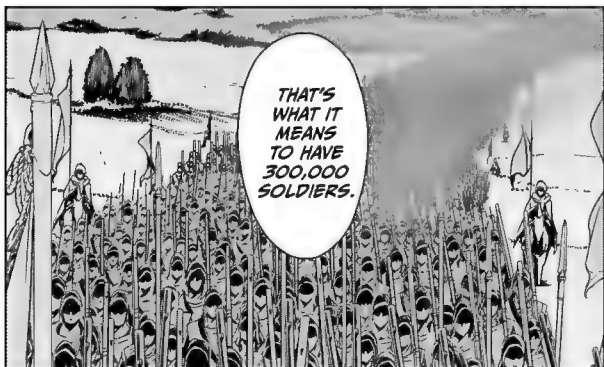
...WILL
SOON
GO TO
WAR.



I
CROSSED
THE
YOUNG
ENGI-
NEER'S
BRIDGE.

I'M
BACK.







LATELY THEIR
OBSTINACY
HAS GROWN
EGREGIOUS.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



THE
CHURCH IS A
NECESSARY
ENTITY
AND EVEN
ESSENTIAL TO
OUR LIVES.

NO, THE
PEOPLE OF
THE ENTIRE
CONTINENT ARE
CONNECTED
THROUGH
THEIR FAITH
IN THE SPIRIT
OF LIGHT.

OUR HOLY
KINGDOM
AND
CENTRAL
KINGDOMS
...



IF A
SINGLE
BELIEF
WEREN'T
SO DEEPLY
ROOTED...

...WE WOULDN'T
HAVE THE
"CONSCRIPTS
WITH SEEMINGLY
FREE WILL" OF
THIS HOLY KEY
EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE.



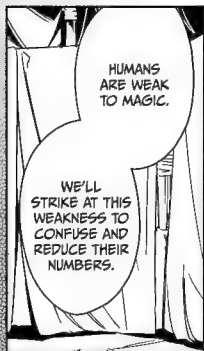
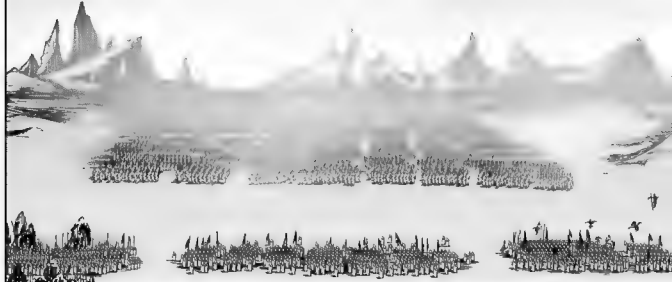


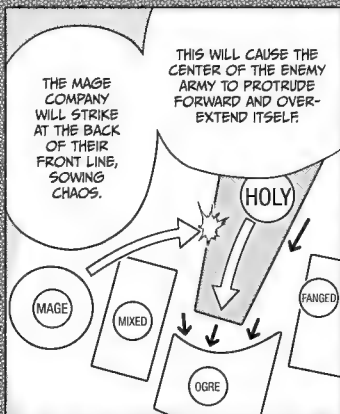
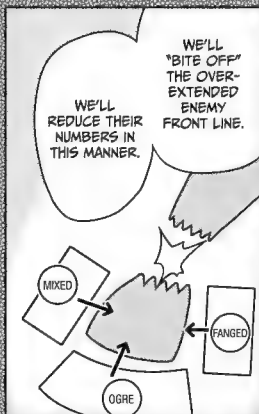






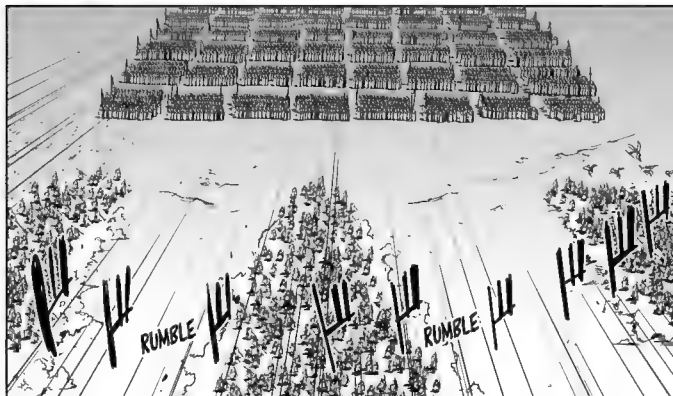












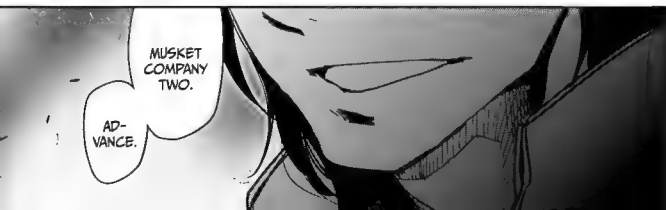






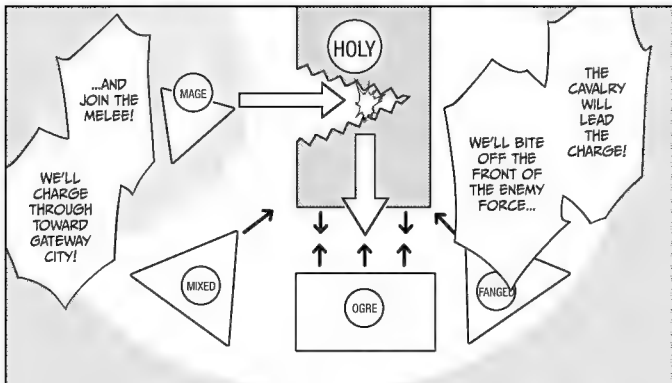


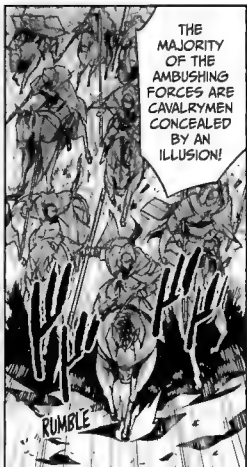














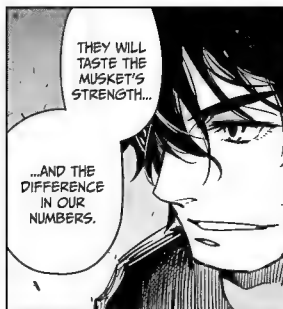
I'VE
FACTORED
IN FLANK-
ING SNEAK
ATTACKS...

THIS IS
STILL
WITHIN MY
EXPECTA-
TIONS.

AS IF.

BLUE
ASH
KING.

ARE
YOU AT
A DISAD-
VANTAGE?



THEY WILL
TASTE THE
MUSKET'S
STRENGTH...

...AND THE
DIFFERENCE
IN OUR
NUMBERS.



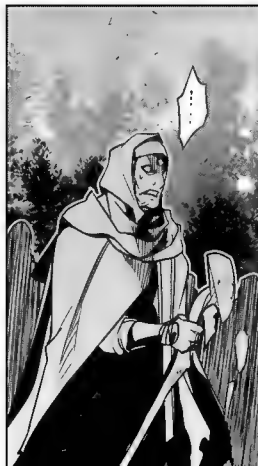
I ALREADY
ORDERED
THE DEFENSE
DIVISION TO
PREPARE
TO FIRE.

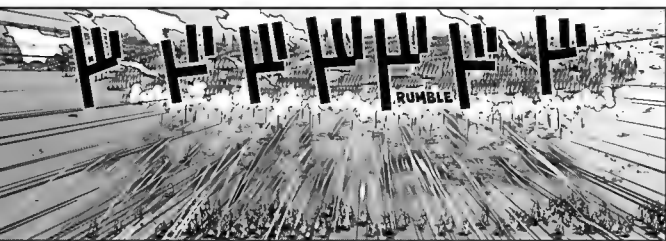


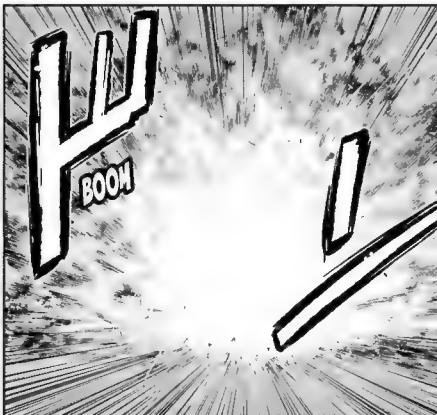
JUST FIRE
STRAIGHT
AHEAD!

DON'T
LET THE
ILLUSION
DISTRACT
YOU!

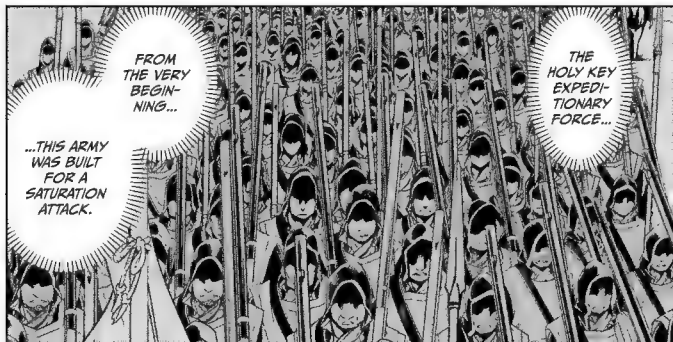
AIM
FOR
THE
HORSE-
MEN!













STRIKING A
POWERFUL
BLOW BY
OVERWHELMING
THE DEFENSES...

A
SATURATION
ATTACK...

...WITH A
SINGLE
POWERFUL
ATTACK.



WE SAW
IT AS AN
OPPORTU-
NITY...

...BUT THE
ENEMY NEVER
COUNTED ON
ACCURACY.



BUT THEY'RE
USING HASTILY
TRAINED SERF
SOLDIERS.

THEIR
ACCURACY
CAN'T BE
HIGH.

THE
MUSKETS
ARE
STRONG.



THAT'S
ALL
THEY'RE
DOING...

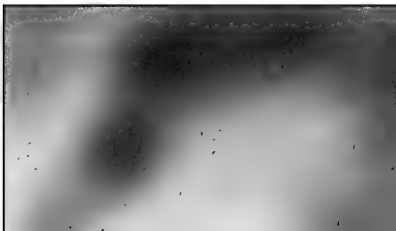
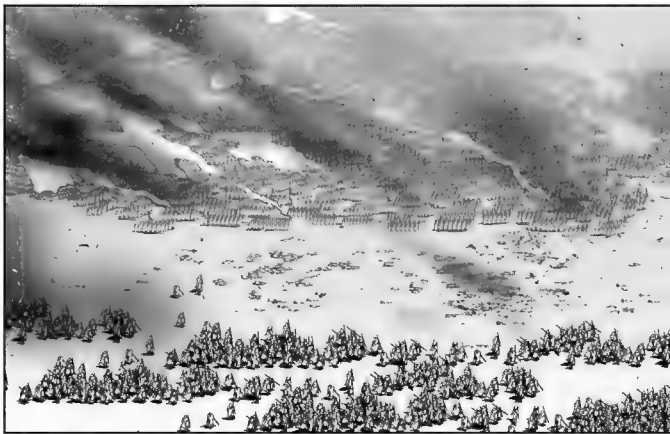
...BUT WITH
THOSE
NUMBERS,
WE'LL BE
ANNIHIL-
ATED.



THEY'RE
NOT AIMING
AT ANY-
THING.

IT'S NO
WONDER
THEIR AC-
CURACY
IS SO
LOW.

POINT THE
GUNS AT THE
ENEMY AND
FIRE.





A SANE
COM-
MANDER
WOULD...

...COMMAND
HIS FORCES
TO RETREAT
SOON.

THE
GUNFIRE IS
INTENSE.

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



I WON'T
LET THEM
ESCAPE.



THEN
WE'LL
FIGHT
ANOTHER
DAY?



THERE'S NO
WAY TO BE SURE,
BUT THEY'VE
PROBABLY LOST
MORE THAN THEY
CAN HANDLE.



ONCE THEY
HEAR THE
COMMAND
TO RETREAT,
THEY'LL BE
IN TURMOIL.

THE FRONT
LINES HAVE
TURNED INTO
A MELEE AND
ARE CAUGHT IN
A DEADLOCK.

THEY'LL BE
VULNERABLE
WHEN THEY
TURN.



...WE'LL
SEND 6,000
OF OUR
BEST...

...WELL-TRAINED
MUSKETMEN
WE'VE BEEN
KEEPING IN
RESERVE.



WHEN THE
DEMON ARMY
IS ROCKED
BY THE
COMMAND TO
RETREAT...

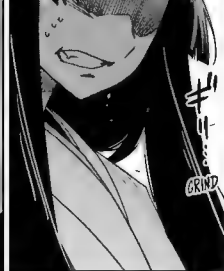


...THE
MOMENT
THEY
TURN
THEIR
BACKS...

...WILL
BE
THEIR
LAST.



RE-
TREAT!



GRIND



WE HAVE TO
WITHDRAW
SLOWLY!

IF WE
SUDDENLY
SHOW OUR
BACKS, THEY'LL
STRIKE AT THE
OPENING!

WHAT'S
WRONG
?!

WHY
DON'T
YOU RE-
TREAT?!



...NOW.













RUSTLE

RUSTLE

HELP OUR
FORCES
RETREAT, AND
HEAD FOR
GATEWAY
CITY!

ATTACK
ANYONE
YOU CAN!

WE JUST
NEED TO
CONFUSE
THEM!



BUT...

...I WASN'T
EXPECTING
THE HOLY
KINGDOM
TO USE THE
MUSKETS
SO WELL.

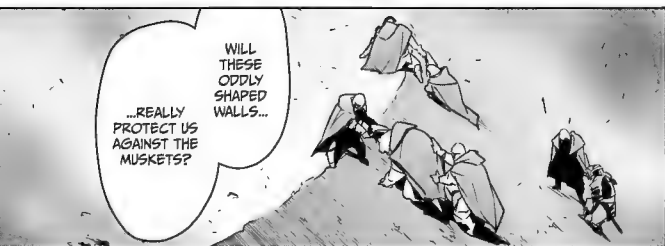
WE
MADE IT
IN TIME.



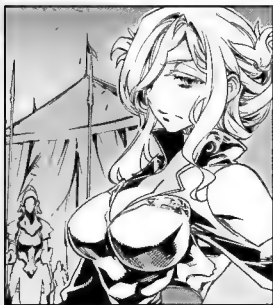
DEMON
QUEEN
...

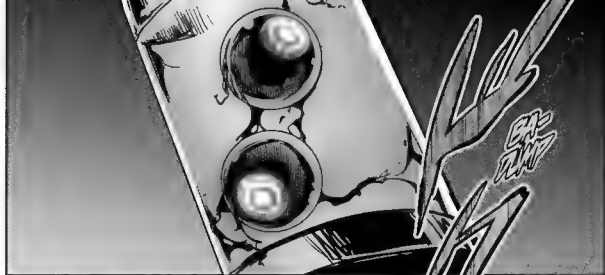


THEY'RE
EASING
UP ON
THEIR
PURSUIT
...?









THE HISTORY OF CANNONS

Originally used as siege weapons, cannons changed with developments in technology and are still used today on battlefields throughout the world.

CANNONS ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED AS SIEGE WEAPONS

In war, capturing important enemy bases requires a considerable amount of time and military force. This was especially the case before the development of cannons, and various siege weapons were used to attack bases protected by trenches and tall walls. In particular, the catapult, which allowed one to attack their enemies from a distance, was especially effective at destroying walls and towers. These were eventually succeeded by the cannon.

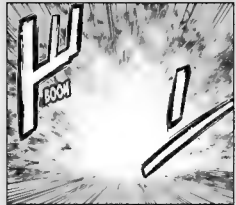
The first cannons were wooden weapons invented in China during the mid-13th Century. At the start of the 14th Century, bronze cannons were produced, but as the fighting had settled down in China, no major developments were made. Eventually this technology reached Europe through Western Asia, and at the start of the 15th Century Western Europe began using bronze cannons as well.

The first cannons were made with bronze because the iron-making technology to create cannons that could withstand cannon fire did not exist. Additionally, the first cannons were primarily used as siege weapons, and these very heavy weapons were terribly inconvenient to transport. Furthermore, their shooting interval was long as well.

The first cannonballs were made not of metal but stone. However, during the 13th Century, stone cannonballs covered in lead appeared. By the 15th Century, spherical iron cannonballs had appeared, and these later became the standard.

At the end of the 14th Century, cannonballs packed with gunpowder with fuses attached were invented. By igniting the fuse and then firing the cannonball, they could explode after impact. However, it was difficult to regulate the time until explosion, and cannonballs would often explode inside the cannon, so they were not popular for long.

But the appearance of cannons still dramatically changed the nature of battles for strongholds and had a profound impact on the construction of defensive structures as well.



Cannon blasts cannot be avoided by sight. Clustered groups are most vulnerable to cannon fire.



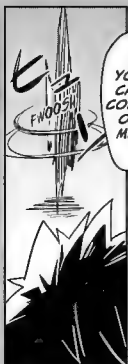
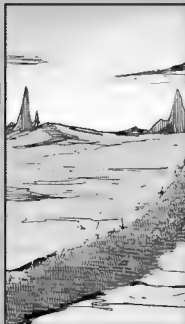
After the Industrial Revolution, cannons were equipped with shock absorbers, and grooves known as rifling were engraved into their barrels to stabilize their missiles' trajectory. Breech-loading cannons also came into use, and the cannon's efficiency and power increased by leaps and bounds.

Later, exploding shrapnel cannonballs were also developed, and the weapon became so powerful and prolific that 70 percent of casualties during World War I are said to have resulted from cannon fire.

Cannons would later be developed for anti-air and naval use, and eventually tanks carrying self-propelled cannons appeared.

Even non-exploding cannonballs are very effective against clusters of enemies.

SHAMEFUL



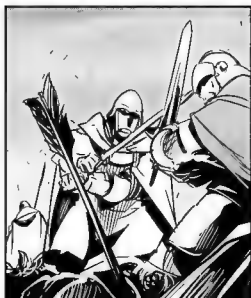
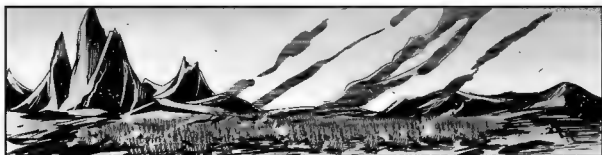


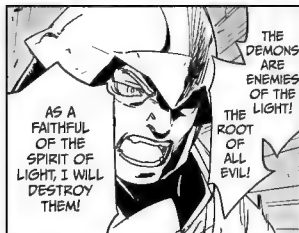




CHAPTER 46 Archenemy and Hero

In the Name of Those Who Can't Return











THE
DEMON
QUEEN!



FIND
THE
DEMON
QUEEN!

RUSTLE

SHE
MUST BE
NEARBY!



RAIN DEATH
ON THE SPIRIT
WORLD'S
APOSTATES
AND EMBODI-
MENT OF
DARKNESS!

BOOM

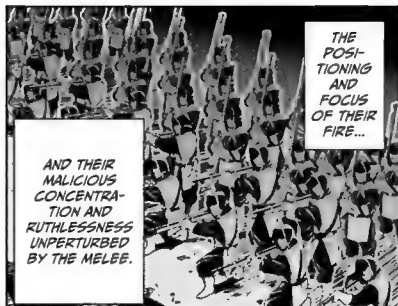
BOOM



FIND HER
AND GIVE
HER A TASTE
OF YOUR
MUSKETS!

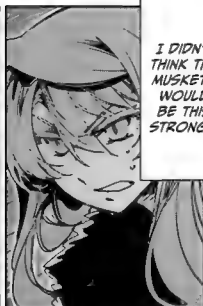
MARCH

MARCH



AND THEIR
MALICIOUS
CONCENTRA-
TION AND
RUTHLESSNESS
UNPERTURBED
BY THE MELEE.

THE
POSITION-
ING
AND
FOCUS
OF THEIR
FIRE...



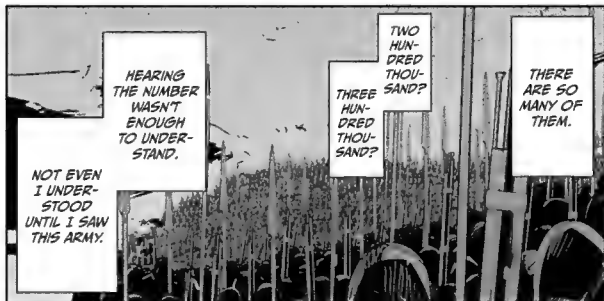
I DIDN'T
THINK THE
MUSKETS
WOULD
BE THIS
STRONG...



...SUCH
MERCIL-
LESS
TACTICS?

...THE
EXPEDI-
TIONARY
FORCE
EMPLOYS...

IS IT
ALSO MY
FAULT
THAT...



NOT EVEN
I UNDER-
STOOD
UNTIL I SAW
THIS ARMY.

HEARING
THE NUMBER
WASN'T
ENOUGH
TO UNDER-
STAND.

TWO
HUN-
DRED
THOU-
SAND?

TWO
HUN-
DRED
THOU-
SAND?

THERE
ARE SO
MANY OF
THEM.

WHAT
AM I
THINK-
ING?

THAT'S
AN UNRE-
ALISTIC
FANTASY.

...!

WITH ALL
THESE
MUSKETS
AND
SOLDIERS...

...THEY MAY
BE ABLE TO
KILL EVERY
LAST DEMON.

...THIS
EXTER-
MINATING
FORCE...

...THIS
GUSHING
BLOOD?

BUT
WHAT
OF...

...THIS
EVIL
DESTRUC-
TIVE
POWER...

IF THIS IS
THE HELL
CREATED
BY GUN-
POWDER...

THEN
I...

I...

BUT THE
EARTH HAS
DRUNK
GALLONS
OF BLOOD.

IT'S BEEN
TRANS-
FORMED
INTO A
FOREIGN
LANDSCAPE
BLACK AND
SLICK WITH
BLOOD.

IT'S BEEN
LESS THAN
HALF A DAY
SINCE THE
FIGHTING
STARTED.





I
CAN'T
DODGE
THEM
ALL.

NO.

SO
MANY.

STEP 04

TOO
MANY.



YOU'RE
BLEED-
ING!

AT
THIS
RATE
...

DUKE
SILVER
TIGER!



HURK.

PFAH.









DON'T
ABANDON
THE DUKE!



DUKE
SILVER
TIGER!

WE
WILL
JOIN
YOU!



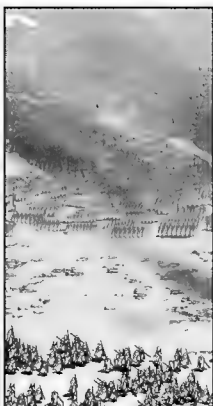
DUKE...

DUKE
SILVER
TIGER!

NO!

DEMON
QUEEN!

WE
MUST
GO!





NO!

DON'T!



ははは
HA HA HA

THE FANGED
DEMONS ARE
AT HOME ON
THE BATTLE-
FIELD!

THIS WAS
A FUN WAR,
DEMON
QUEEN!

COUGH

ははは
HA HA



HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!



I HAVE
YET TO
REPAY...

...THE
LOYALTY
I SWORE
TO YOU!

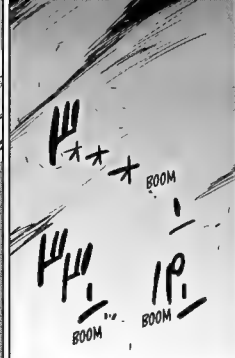
THE
FANGED
DEMONS
ARE A
PEOPLE
OF WAR!

WE MAY
BE CRUDE,
BUT WE
ARE NEVER
VILE!



...BUT IT
SEEMS
I'LL DIE
BEFORE
THE
THIRD!

I FUL-
FILLED
TWO OF
MY THREE
PROM-
ISES...



BOOM
BOOM
BOOM



...UP
TO YOU
NOW.

THE
DEMON
QUEEN
IS...

THE
REST...

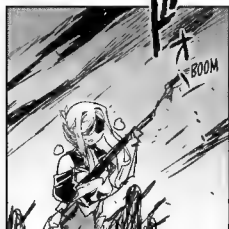
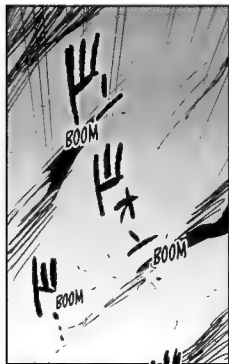
COM-
MAND-
ER!

HUMAN
HERO!



DUKE
SILVER
TIGER!

...YOU
CAN
COUNT
ON ME.









YOU
ALLOWED
THE ENEMY
TO WITH-
DRAW.

YOU MUST
KEEP YOUR
SOLDIERS IN
ORDER.

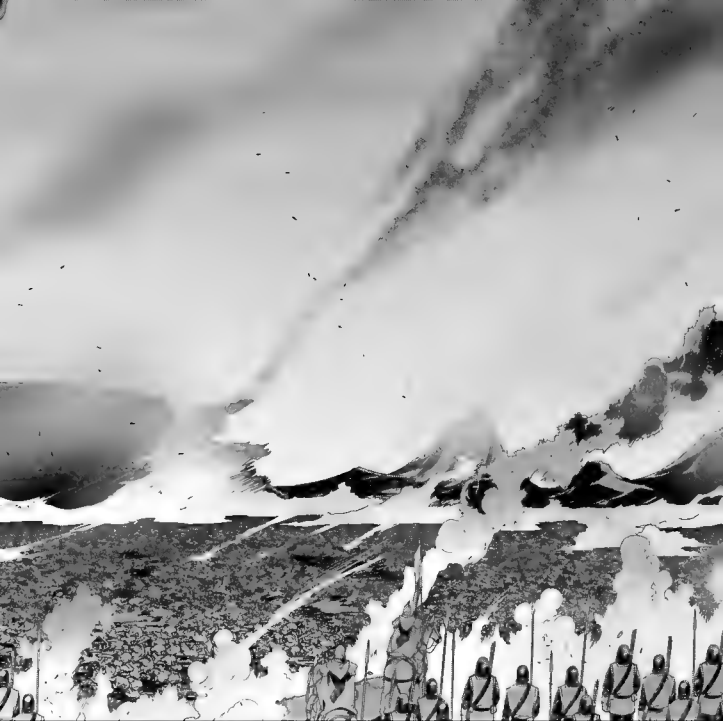
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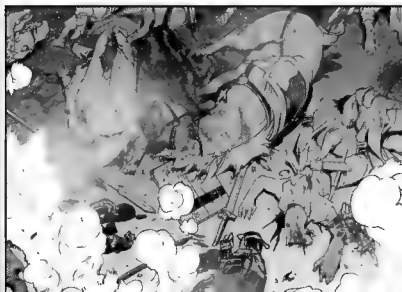
BLUE
ASH
KING!

I THINK
WE CAN
CALL THIS
A MAJOR
VICTORY.



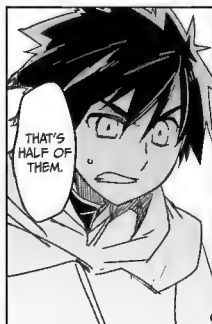


I THINK
WE CAN
CALL THIS
A MAJOR
VICTORY.





IT'S ONLY
A MATTER
OF TIME
BEFORE WE
CAPTURE THE
CITY THEY
FLED TO.



THAT'S
HALF OF
THEM.

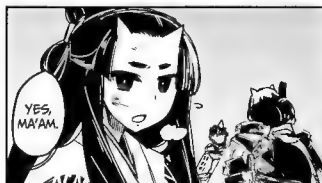


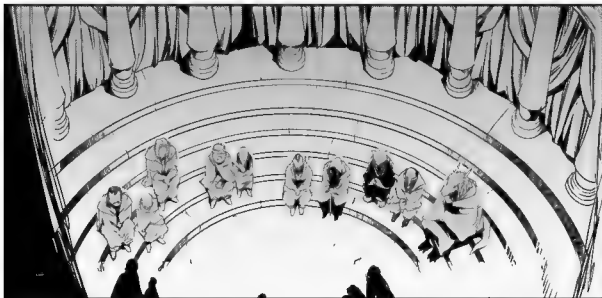
THIRTY
THOU-
SAND
...?!

YESTERDAY
EVENING
GATEWAY
CITY'S ARMY
RETRACTED
INSIDE CITY
WALLS.

THEY LOST
CLOSE TO
30,000
SOLDIERS.











I WILL
SERVE
AS YOUR
SHIELD.

BUT--



VERY
WELL.

COM-
MANDER.

YOU'LL
COMMAND
THIS CITY'S
DEFENSES AND
OUR COUNTER-
ATTACK.



...



DUKE
SILVER
TIGER
TOLD ME
TO DO IT.

I WON'T
LET YOU
SAY NO.



MEMBERS
OF THE
SELF-
GOVERNING
COM-
MITTEE.

I WANT
YOU TO
ASSIST AND
SERVE THE
PRIESTESS.

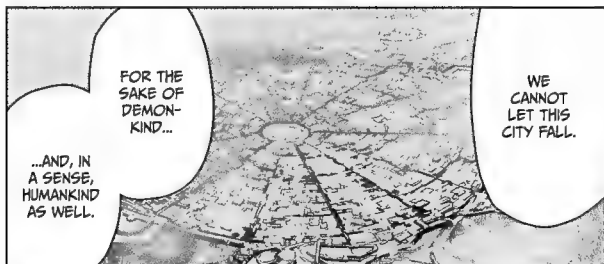
VERY
WELL.



YES,
MA'AM.

OGRE CALL
PRIESTESS.

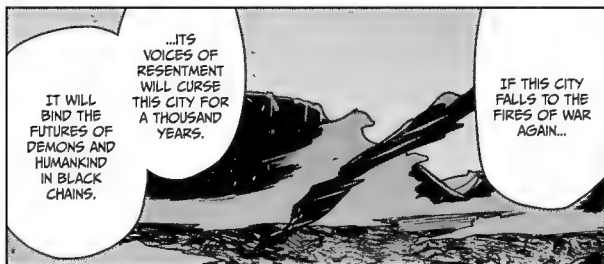
YOU'LL
TAKE
OVER ALL
MATTERS
WITHIN THE
CITY.



FOR THE
SAKE OF
DEMON-
KIND...

...AND, IN
A SENSE,
HUMANKIND
AS WELL.

WE
CANNOT
LET THIS
CITY FALL.



IT WILL
BIND THE
FUTURES OF
DEMONS AND
HUMANKIND
IN BLACK
CHAINS.

...ITS
VOICES OF
RESENTMENT
WILL CURSE
THIS CITY FOR
A THOUSAND
YEARS.

IF THIS CITY
FALLS TO THE
FIRES OF WAR
AGAIN...



WE MUST
STOP THIS
WAR AT
GATEWAY
CITY!

あああ
OOH 7 1



WHAT
BUSINESS
DO YOU
HAVE
WITH
HIM?

IT SHOULD
BE A SLEEPY
LOOKING
OGRE CALL
MAN.



THE
MAN WHO
DESIGNED
THEM!

BRING ME
THE MAN
RESPON-
SIBLE FOR
THE WALLS!

SOME-
ONE!



...WHAT
?!
HE'S
ONE OF
YOUR
STU-
DENTS?

I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
MORE GEN-
EROUS

LONG AGO,
I TRAINED
THAT MAN
FOR SOME
TIME.



IF THEY'RE
AS GOOD AS
I HOPE...

...THE
STRENGTH
OF THESE
WALLS WILL
PROVE VITAL
IN THIS WAR.

IF HE'S
CONTINUED
HIS STUDIES
...

...HE MUST
HAVE BUILT
IMPECCABLE
WALLS.



IT'S A GIANT
FIREARM THAT
SHOOTS IRON
BALLS WITH
GUNPOWDER.

ROOM!
CALM
DOWN!
IT'S
CANNON
FIRE.

WHAT
WAS THAT
SOUND?!

WHAT
?!

ROOM!

CHATTER

CHATTER

BOOM

THEY'RE
THICK ENOUGH
AND THEY'RE
SLOPED TO
DEFLECT THE
CANNONBALLS.

THESE
WALLS
ARE
TOUGH.

ROOM

ARE WE
GOING
TO BE
OKAY?

HE EVEN
COMPLETED
THE STONE
BRIDGE IN THAT
MYSTERIOUS
PLACE.

OUR
DESIGNER
DOESN'T
LIE!

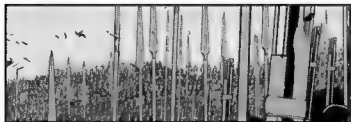
THAT'S
RIGHT...

ROOM

WE DIDN'T
HAVE MUCH
TIME, BUT WE'VE
PREPARED
DEFENSIVE
STRUCTURES
AND TRENCHES.

SO CALM
DOWN!







YOU SAID
YOU WOULD
KILL THEM
ALL.

HALF?

OUR
ENEMIES
LOST
30,000
SOLDIERS.

THAT'S
HALF
THEIR
NUMBERS.

BOOM



WITH
HALF THEIR
FORCES
DEAD, THE
DEMON
ARMY IS AS
GOOD AS
DESTROYED.

FOR
AN ARMY
TO KEEP
FIGHTING...

...IT'S SAID THE
MOST THEY CAN
LOSE AND MAINTAIN
THEIR STRENGTH
IS 30 PERCENT OF
THEIR FORCES.



DE-
STROYED.

I LIKE
THAT
SOUND
OF THAT.

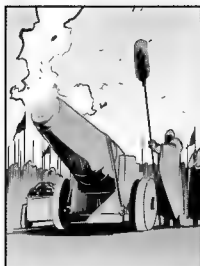
DE-
MONS.

〇
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GIGGLE

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〇
GIGGLE



SNICKER



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

BUT...

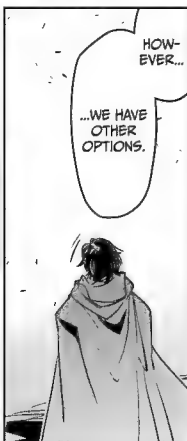
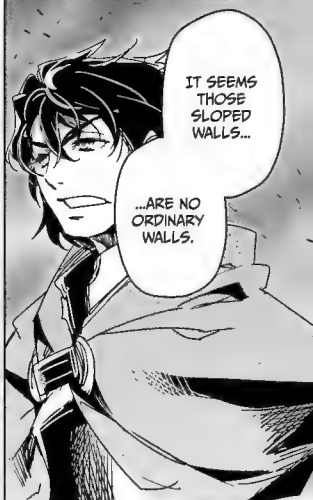
...TAKING
GATEWAY
CITY MAY
BE DIF-
FICULT.

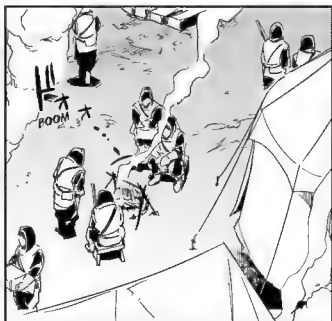
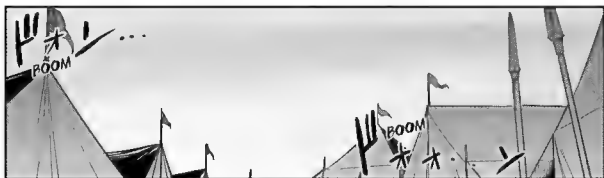


THEY'VE
WITHSTOOD
OUR CANNONS
FOR HALF
A DAY.

MOST
WALLS CAN BE
DESTROYED
WITH THREE
HOURS OF
CANNON FIRE.









HOW
...

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
THAT?



THEY FIGHT
BRAVELY AND
PROUDLY TO
DEFEND...

...THEIR
HOME AND
COM-
PATRIOTS.



THE
FANGED
DEMONS
ARE A
WARRIOR
CLAN.



THERE
ARE ALL
KINDS OF
DEMONS.

AFTER
ALL,
WE'RE
JUST LIKE
HUMANS.



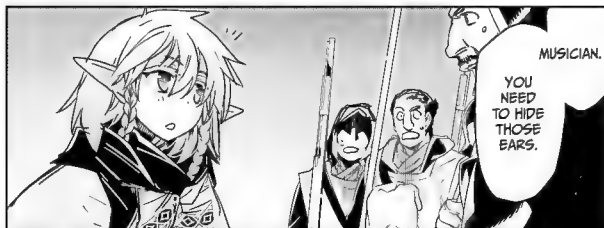
ARE
YOU...

ARE
YOU A
DEMON
...?

チャ
CHATTER

THOSE
EARS!

MUSI-
CIAN!





THANK
YOU...



...WE'LL
KEEP YOUR
SECRET,
MUSICIAN.

AS LONG
AS YOUR
SONGS
KEEP
RINGING...



GOT
IT...

LET'S
WAIT UNTIL
MORNING.

WORKING
NOW WILL
JUST GET
PEOPLE
HURT.



DON'T
FORGET
TO FILL THE
BARRELS
WITH
WATER!

SCAT-
TER
THE
LIME!

THROW
THE
SPARE
SAND-
BAGS!

NOW I'M THE
WALL REPAIR
CAPTAIN AND
DEFENSE
COMMANDER...

I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT.

MY MASTER
IS THE DEMON
QUEEN? IS
THIS SOME
KIND OF
JOKE?



DAWN,
HUH?
THAT'S
A LONG
TIME
FROM
NOW.

DAMN
IT.

A LITTLE
CANNON
FIRE WON'T
BREAK
THESE
WALLS!

WE'RE
NOT
DONE
YET!



...THIS
CITY FALL
BEFORE
YOU
RETURN.

I WON'T
LET...

DID YOU
FIND THE
SONG
YOU WERE
LOOKING
FOR?

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

...YOUNG
MUSICIAN.



SOUTHERN
SPIRIT WORLD
FORMER BLUE
DEMON REGION
BORDER

THEY'RE
WAITING A FEW
KILOMETERS
OUT WAVING
WHITE FLAGS
AT THE TOP
OF A HILL.

YES,
SIR.

A
MILITARY
ENVOY?





IT WILL SHOW
WE'RE NOT
INTERESTING
IN FIGHTING
IF WE DON'T
HAVE TO.

TAKING 10
OF OUR
OWN...

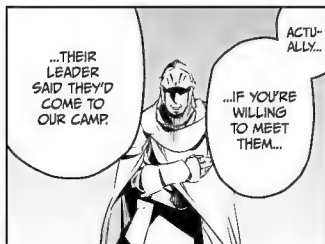
...AND
MEETING
THEM ON THAT
HILL WOULD
BE POLITE.



HMPH.

INTER-
EST-
ING.

LET'S
MEET
THEM.



...THEIR
LEADER
SAID THEY'D
COME TO
OUR CAMP.

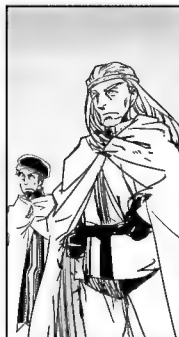
ACTU-
ALLY...

...IF YOU'RE
WILLING
TO MEET
THEM...



MUST WE
BE SO
HUMBLE?

SINCE
WE DON'T
KNOW
WHO
THEY
ARE,
YES.



ACTU-
ALLY...

...THEIR
LEADER
IS A
WOMAN...



HA
HA
HA.

WHAT A
BOLD
MAN.





ON CITY WALLS

Fortified cities are protected by defensive structures. People developed this technology to protect their lives and wealth and to live their lives in peace.

THE DEFENSIVE STRUCTURES VITAL TO LIVING ON THE CONTINENT

Fortified cities are cities surrounded by defensive structures such as walls, trenches, or mounds. Protecting one's home with trenches and walls has existed since before the birth of cities.

Defensive structures were thought to be first placed to protect oneself from the attacks of dangerous animals. However, with the establishment of agriculture, people began to accumulate wealth through the trade of surplus goods, creating the need to protect one's community from other humans who covet one's wealth.

In Europe, power struggles between statesmen and conflicts between different peoples were endless. Landowners strengthened the defenses of cities under their influence, and self-governing cities needed defensive structures to protect their wealth from powerful individuals. Eastern Europeans also needed protection from Asian nomads, making city defenses essential.

Some of the defensive structures of these fortified cities remain even today. Southern France's Carcassonne is an especially famous example. The city is located on an important location connected the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean, and it was already fortified by the age of ancient Rome. It was exposed to countless battles, and as the city expanded its defenses were strengthened. Its walls and towers remain today, and this historical fortified city was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage sites in 1997.

The defensive structures surrounding cities developed out of necessity, but with the arrival of firearms tall walls became useless. This led to the development of star-shaped fortresses. The star-shaped construction allowed firearms positioned on the tips of the points to fire upon enemies located below other points. Soldiers positioned on the points were able to assist each other.

This type of fortified city began appearing after the 16th Century. Many were created simply for defense, but some larger ones were created to encapsulate cities. The remains of their star-shaped defenses can still be seen in places like the Venetian army's base of Italian city Palmanova and Holland's Naarden.



The defensive structures surrounding cities have long been effective for protecting its residents from attackers.



The Young Engineer constructed a new type of wall thick enough to absorb the impact of cannon fire.

BREAKTHROUGH



MAOYU : Archenemy and Hero

“Become mine, Hero” “I refuse!”

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